

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

ROBERTSON et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

A Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith.
Prior to further prosecution, please amend the above identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter the following amended claims:

E1
1. (Four times Amended) An uncoated acrylic polymer product obtained from an acrylic composition comprising at least 70 % w/w of the residues of at least one polymerizable acrylic monomer, 0.2 – 5 % w/w of a finely divided compound having a particle size between 1 and 50 nm and comprising at least one oxide selected from silicon, titanium, zirconium and aluminum oxides, and 0.2-25 % w/w of at least one linking compound which is miscible with said polymerizable acrylic monomer and which is capable of bonding to the surface of the oxide compound.

E2
3. (Three Times Amended) An uncoated acrylic polymer product obtained from an acrylic composition comprising at least 70 % w/w of the residues of at least one polymerizable acrylic monomer, 0.2 – 5 % w/w of a finely divided compound having a particle size between 1 and 50 nm and comprising at least one oxide selected from silicon, titanium, zirconium and aluminum oxides, and 0.2-25 % w/w of at least one linking compound which is miscible with said polymerizable acrylic monomer and which is capable of bonding to the surface of the oxide compound, wherein the linking compound comprises a monofunctional or polyfunctional acrylate or methacrylate compound which additionally contains a polar group.